SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA
ORDER PAPER

Tuesday, 23rd June, 2015

1. **Prayers**
2. **Approval of the Votes and Proceedings**
3. **Oaths**
4. **Announcements (if any)**
5. **Petitions**

PRESENTATION OF BILLS

1. Nigerian Railway Corporation (Repeal & Re-enactment) Bill 2015 (SB. 1) –*First Reading.*
   Sen. Andy Uba, MFR *(Anambra South)*

2. Federal Capital Territory Area Councils (Administrative and Political Structure) Bill 2015 (SB. 2) –*First Reading.*
   Sen. Phillip Aduda, MFR *(FCT)*

ORDER OF THE DAY

MOTION

1. **The States and Unpaid Salaries**
   Sen. Ike Ekweremadu, CFR (Enugu West)

   The Senate;

   Observes **that some States of the Federation and several departments of the Federal Government have defaulted in the payment of workers salaries for several months now;**

   Observes **also that the inability of the States to pay workers salaries is as a result of the declining Federal allocation to States which has reduced by 40% since 2013;**

   Observes **further that the external debt profile of States with its attendant servicing component has also compounded their inability to meet their Statutory Obligations, even as most States have Annual Internally Generated Revenue (IGB) base below their obligations.**

   Notes **that of the Federation's 36 States, only 24 have complied with the IGR rendition of the Nigeria Bureau of Statistics (NBS)- Out of this number, the 14 most affected States are; Adamawa, Bauchi, Benue, Ekiti, Imo, Katsina, Kebbi, Kogi, Nasarawa, Niger, Osun, Plateau, Sokoto and Zamfara.**

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Notes further that in addition to the inability of the citizenry to meet medical and educational needs of their families, the inability to pay salaries also implies reduced purchasing power consequently, downward household consumption expenditure and invariably, a weakened overall GDP for 2015;

Accordingly resolves to:

i) *Urge* the States to immediately explore all available avenue to alleviate the plight of workers;

ii) *Cut* their costs of current expenditure and block areas of leakages;

iii) *Explore* ways of increasing Internally Generated Revenues (IGR);

iv) *Urge* the Federal Government to intervene in order to bail out the States.

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